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1. POSSIBLE TSVETKOV VISIT. THE NSC HAS CAUTIONED US ABOUT "BUNCHING UP" VISITS BY SENIOR GOB OFFICIALS. OTHERWISE, THEY FEAR, IT MAY APPEAR THAT MORE IS HAPPENING WITH BULGARIA THAN IS ACTUALLY THE CASE. WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR WHETHER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KRUSTEV WILL ACCEPT BERGLAND'S INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF JUNE 19. SHOULD KRUSTEV BE UNABLE TO COME IN JUNE, WE THINK WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO INVITE TSVETKOV TO COME THEN. IN THAT CASE, KRUSTEV COULD COME NEXT FALL EITHER DURING BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER TO MID-OCTOBER PERIOD OR AFTER THE ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER. (WE ASSUME BERGLAND WILL BE BUSY CAMPAIGNING AT LEAST FROM
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MID-OCTOBER TO ELECTION DAY.) IF KRUSTEV CAN COME IN JUNE, A TSVETKOV VISIT IN JULY WOULD PROBABLY BE "BUNCHING UP" VISITS TOO MUCH. AUGUST IS A BAD MONTH FROM THE STANDPOINT OF AVAILABILITY OF PEOPLE, AND IN SEPTEMBER WE WILL HOPE TO ARRANGE MLADENOV'S FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY AT THE UNGA. THUS, OCTOBER WOULD SEEM TO BE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR A

TSVETKOV VISIT IF KRUSTEV CAN COME IN JUNE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET RAISED IT WITH HIM, WE THINK GEORGE VEST WOULD BE HAPPY TO ISSUE AN OPEN-ENDED INVITATION TO TSVETKOV NOW, WITH THE DATE OF HIS VISIT TO BE DETERMINED LATER, IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO YOU. PLEASE LET US KNOW.

2. KRUSTEV VISIT. WE SHOULD BEGIN PLANNING KRUSTEV'S JUNE VISIT NOW ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT HE WILL ACCEPT BERGLAND'S INVITATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS, INCLUDING THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE'S, AS TO WHICH KIND OF PROGRAM KRUSTEV WOULD LIKE AND WHAT HIS SPECIFIC INTERESTS ARE. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE INFORMAL ASSISTANCE OF ONE OF WHAT USED TO BE CU'S PROGRAM AGENCIES IN PLANNING A PROGRAM, BOTH HERE AND ELSEWHERE, EVEN THOUGH KRUSTEV WILL NOT BE COMING ON AN IV GRANT. PLEASE SEND US YOUR SUGGESTIONS ASAP, PREFERABLY BY OPEN CHANNEL MESSAGE SO THAT USDA WILL ALSO HAVE THEM.

3. BONDS. WE HAVE INFORMED THE FOREIGN BONDHOLDERS PROTECTIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOB'S PROPOSAL TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS MAY 29 TO JUNE 3. WE WILL INFORM YOU ASAP OF ITS REACTION.

4. GLENN VISIT. MID-MAY IS GOOD FOR EMBASSY PRAGUE AS
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WELL AS YOU. GLENN WILL MAKE PLANS TO COME THEN.

5. GRIGOROV APPOINTMENTS. GRIGOROV WILL MEET LATER THIS WEEK WITH MATT NIMETZ AND MAYBE NEXT WEEK WITH TONY LAKE. GRIGOROV STILL IS RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION, SAYING THAT HE IS IN A BAD POSITION DUE TO HIS UNEXPECTED APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. WE ARE SUBTLELY (HOPEFULLY) ENCOURAGING HIMMIRSKY TO GET HIM TO USE HIS COURTESY CALLS AS OCCASIONS ON WHICH TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

6. NEW BULGARIAN CHANCERY SITE. GRIGOROV RECENTLY MET WITH DICK GOOKIN, PROTOCOL, HAMPTON DAVIS' AT LEAST TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT AFTER HIS RETIREMENT. GOOKIN TOLD GLENN THAT GRIGOROV INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN FINDING A SUITABLE SITE ON HIS OWN; EITHER ZONING RESTRICTIONS MADE OTHERWISE SUITABLE SITES UNAVAILABLE OR AVAILABLE SITES WERE NOT ATTRACTIVE ENOUGH. GRIGOROV TOLD GOOKIN THAT HE IS ALMOST READY TO COMMIT THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY TO TWO LOTS IN VAN NESS INTERNATIONAL CENTER SITE, FOR WHICH THE BULGARIANS WOULD PAY APPROXIMATELY \$4,000 A YEAR EACH YEAR OF A TWO-HUNDRED

YEAR LEASE. GRIGOROV ALSO SAID THAT THE BULGARIAN

GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO PAY CASH FOR THE LOTS. (F.Y.I. OMAN IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THESE TWO LOTS AND HAS TOLD GOOKIN THAT IT IS PREPARED TO LEASE THEM IF THE BULGARIANS DO NOT.) GOOKIN CALLED PHIL WALLS, A/FBO, AND TOLD HIM OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH GRIGOROV. WALLS TOLD GOOKIN THAT A/FBO IS IN FAVOR OF PROCEEDING SEPARATELY WITH REGARD TO NEW CHANCERY SITES HERE AND IN SOFIA. GOOKIN THINKS HE SHOULD RESPOND TO GRIGOROV SOON. PLEASE SEND US YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS BY THIS CHANNEL AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD GO AHEAD NOW AND DO BUSINESS WITH GRIGOROV OR WAIT AND TRY FOR SOME SORT OF BARTER EXCHANGE OF NEW SITES.

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7. AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF'S COMPLAINT ON BULGARIAN INTERFERENCE WITH FREER COMMUNICATIONS (REF. C). WE APPRECIATE THE AMBASSADOR'S FINE WORK IN BRINGING TO GOTSEV'S ATTENTION THE THREE INSTANCES OF BULGARIAN INTERFERENCE WITH FREER COMMUNICATIONS. HOPEFULLY, DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SORT WILL HAVE SOME EFFECT ON THE GOB'S ACTIONS. VANCE

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